

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Chaos In France

THE French people, it would appear, went to the polls on Sunday to vote against individuals rather than for parties. How otherwise can be explained the wholesale elimination of prominent deputies and former state ministers? In the outcome the French political scene is more chaotic than ever.

At first glance the results suggest that the nation was determined to express its anger over M. Edgar Faure's snap decision to dissolve parliament, but this line of thought is nullified by the remarkably high poll, indicating that the country was not at all distressed about taking part in an election. What is clear from the voting is that the people are dismayed and frustrated by a system which offers no hope of providing a stable government.

The election has brought about the strengthening of the extremists at the expense of the moderates. The immediate effect is that no single party can form a government, nor can any of the existing alliances. It is a complete stalemate, and creates a most extraordinary parliamentary vacuum.

THE full significance of the pre-election rift between the Faure and Mendes-France faction now becomes manifest. Because it broke up previous alliances, it has allowed the Communists to take advantage of proportional representation and to increase their National Assembly strength by nearly 60 new deputies.

The same discussion gave the new Poujadist Party its opportunity of becoming an effective force in French national politics, though its narrow, limited political platform has no appeal to the country generally.

The all important question now is how can President Coty find a Premier capable of forming a government? The Communists, as the single strongest party, are seeking an alliance with the left-wing Socialists which, if it came into being, would command a majority in the Assembly. But the left-wingers repudiated the proposal before the elections and are hardly likely to allow themselves to be lured into any such alignment now.

THE only visible alternative is for the divided moderates to reach agreement on basic issues and form a coalition government. This would enable parliament to resume its functions, though admittedly it would not solve the fundamental problems which plague every French government—problems which stem from impracticable features of the constitution.

There is a third proposition—the holding of new general elections. It is unlikely to be adopted, for there is nothing to suggest that the country would vote differently from Sunday last, meaning that the final result would be unchanged. The answer to the French parliamentary conundrum manifestly is electoral reform and the overhauling of the constitution so far as it relates to the National Assembly. If the stalemate which Sunday's elections have produced has a deleterious effect on France domestically, this is even more pronounced so far as the country's international reputation and prestige are concerned.

As one of the Big Four, demanding an equal voice in world affairs, it is imperative for France that she quickly create a political system that will ensure a stable government, capable of making important decisions on behalf of a great nation. If this is not done, France will risk forfeiting her status as a power in the world councils.

CRISIS CONFRONTS FRANCE

Assembly Deadlock Foreseen

VOTE AROUSES ANXIETY

Paris, Jan. 3.

France tonight is confronted with a crisis that threatens its parliamentary system.

Extremist gains in the election have made it almost impossible for the moderates to form a stable Government from their own supporters. Neither the Communists nor the new right-wing Poujadist Party are likely to support any middle-of-the-road Government.

The Poujadists representing small traders and farmers are openly contemptuous of France's present political set-up, though their leader said tonight he would "talk about forming a governmental alliance" with anyone whose aims seem acceptable.

Latest unofficial results confirmed the surprise success of the followers of M. Pierre Poujadès fighting their first election on a "kick out the old gang" platform. They will have at least 40 deputies in the National Assembly totalling 627 seats.

The Communists will be the biggest single party with at least 151 seats compared with 98 in the old assembly. The moderate left forces ranged behind new leader M. Pierre Mendes-France will have something like 131 or 130 seats and the right centre combination headed by M. Edgar Faure, the outgoing Premier, and his Foreign Minister, M. Antoine Pinay, may command about 180 or slightly more.

BREATHING SPACE

A feature of the election was the collapse of the ex-Gaullists already split into several disorganised groups. The main body known as the Social Republicans has dropped from 69 seats in the old house to 16 or so in the new.

The country will now have a breathing space until the end of January. The outgoing Government headed by M. Faure will remain in office until the new Assembly meets on January 19.

A few days will then be taken up by formalities entailed no doubt by the activities of the victory—defeated Communists and Poujadists.

After this the Government will resign and the President of the Republic M. Rene Coty will call upon one of the party leaders to try to form the next Government.

PINAY FIRST?

Though M. Mendes-France has spoken optimistically of his chances many politicians think M. Coty is likely to turn first to M. Pinay.

The rival moderate groups have not yet had time to make any open moves but it is clear that neither side could form a government without substantial help from the other. For the present the battle is too recent and the campaign exchanges have been too bitter for overtures to have any hope of success.

In any case the diverse sections within each group would not find reconciliation easy and even if the Radicals—now split between M. Faure and M. Mendes-France—could reunite they would not be strong.

'Get On With It' Slessor Tells Germans

Bonn, Jan. 3.

Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir John Slessor said tonight West Germany should "get on with her rearmament" and not expect her allies to bear too much of her defence burden. He told the German English Society, West Germany should devote "a greater part of her social product" to rearmament. Sir John said there was "no sign of those 12 divisions" a reference to West Germany's promised contribution to Western European defence.

He added that West Germany's new air force was also very important in order to cover her troops. Sir John Slessor said that he was speaking "as a private individual"—Reuter.

Big Strike Riot In US: One Dead & Eight Hurt

New York, Jan. 3.

Police and Westinghouse strikers battled with clubs and stones at Columbus, Ohio, today in the biggest outbreak of violence so far in the 79-day-old strike.

The fierce fighting at dawn left one striker dead from a heart attack, eight people injured, 90 arrested, several cars damaged and a new round of charges and countercharges.

A lawyer for the striking International Union of Electrical Workers, David Clayman, charged in the Common Pleas Court later today that Troy Tadlock, 34, was "killed by law enforcement authorities."

Clayman said he was "fully aware" that the Coroner had ruled that Tadlock died of a heart attack, but "on the strength of eyewitness accounts I am forced to say he was killed by law enforcement authorities."

The police said there were no marks of violence on Tadlock's body.

2,000 PICKETS

Employees returning to work at the plant were met by about 2,000 pickets milling around the area. Sheriff Ralph Paul said the pickets had piled concrete blocks in the plant entrances.

The outbreak was one of three disorders during the day at Westinghouse plants. In Pennsylvania pickets massed at the Sharon and East Pittsburgh plants.

At Sharon, Lawrence Leighty was arrested on a charge filed by a picket who claimed the truck driver hit him while trying to force through a picket line to get into the plant. The driver was charged with leaving the scene of the accident. Three other coal trucks were turned away.

Renewed efforts to settle the strike met with failure in Pittsburgh. Both sides planned the failure of the conference on the other. Gwilym Rice, President of Westinghouse, said the union's action at the three plants was "gangsterism" and planned violence.—United Press.

One of the significant facts of the election has been the apparent lack of hostility between the Communists and Poujadists and it is not unthinkable that the two groups have an understanding on joint strategy in the new Assembly aimed at frustrating parliamentary government and bringing down the system.

The Communist hammer and the Poujadist anvil could well be the instruments by which a government of moderate opinion might be crushed.

This at least is the view held in some influential Government quarters which have noted that in the election campaign Poujadists frequently held out the hand of friendship to the working classes and carefully refrained from attacks on the Communists.

Moreover they constantly urged the shopkeeping class they were wooing to support strikes and workers' demands even when of an extreme kind.

ACUTE INSTABILITY

Observers foresaw a period of instability even more acute than that which has given France 21 governments since the liberation.

It will be some time before the final official result is known. The slow counting is blamed on the heavy vote.

The National Assembly has a total of 627 seats though only 594 were voted for yesterday. Thirty others are allotted to Algerian constituencies where the grave military situation caused the Government to postpone the election.

Two more seats are for overseas constituencies where the voting is fixed for later this month and one for the French establishments in India for which there are no election arrangements.—Reuter.

TOP GERMAN RED FLEES WEST

Own Correspondent

Berlin, Jan. 3.

A desperate shortage of vital drugs and medical equipment in Communist East Germany was behind the surprise flight of Dr. Theodor Bruck to West Germany today.

Dr. Bruck was deputy head of the medical branch of the East German Health Ministry. In Berlin today he explained why he had fled to the West.

In smuggling medical equipment and drugs from West Germany, he said, "it was only a matter of time before the East German plan would have been found out."

The smuggling began when doctors approached Dr. Bruck and asked him if he would make contact with West German manufacturers at the Leipzig International Trade Fair.

He did and the West Germans agreed to send supplies to secret addresses in West Berlin. They were then picked up by one doctor and smuggled over the border.

Tank Scandal Outcry: PM Decides

PARLIAMENT NOT TO BE RECALLED

But White Paper To Be Published

London, Jan. 3.

The Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden, tonight turned down demands that Parliament should be recalled to debate the leak of British surplus war equipment to the Middle East.

The Labour opposition, eager to thrash out the row which has blown up over the old British tanks going to Egypt by way of Belgium, had urged that the House of Commons should meet before January 24, its scheduled date for sitting after the Christmas vacation.

In a statement from his headquarters the Prime Minister said there was no need to recall Parliament in view of action already taken by the Government. This action is to ban export of surplus war equipment except to countries which guarantee it will not be reconverted and re-exported as weapons of war.

DEBATE—BUT WHEN?

The Prime Minister bowed to one Labour demand—that an official white paper be published on the surplus war materials issue.

The statement said there could be no debate on the white paper but no pledge could be given now about the date on which it will be laid before Parliament.

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GAITSKELL ANGRY

Only the breach blocks were removed and these were replaced in Antwerp before the tanks, reconditioned were shipped as fighting vehicles to Egypt.

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NOW MAKARIOS SAYS—

'No Further Progress On Cyprus Problem'

Nicosia, Jan. 4.

Archbishop Makarios, leader of the Cypriot campaign for union with Greece, said in an interview published today there had been "no further progress" towards a solution of the Cyprus problem since November.

The interview published by the Times of Cyprus he declared: "I entirely exclude the possibility of a solution of the Cyprus question on the basis of any British plan which does not satisfy the Cypriot people."

He said there had been "no further progress" since the last British offer was made on November 21 through the Governor, Field Marshal Sir John Harding.

In that offer he said Britain gave theoretical recognition to the self-determination right but its exercise was made dependent on conditions which in effect ruled out its attainment—on Britain's Middle East commitments.

"In addition a final solution under the British plan would depend on proper working of the Constitution," he said.

"In other words the November 21 plan left Britain the sole judge of how, when and if self-determination was to be allowed," Reuter.

BISHOP'S BROTHER

ARRESTED

Nicosia, Jan. 4.

A brother of the Cypriot Bishop of Kyrenia was among eight Cypriots arrested by British forces during a sweep of the mountainous area in the south-west of the island on Monday. It was revealed on Tuesday night.

A second brother of the Bishop was arrested in the same area in December and has been charged with possessing arms—a capital offence under the present Cypriot emergency regulations.—France Press.

DEATH OF SECOND U.S. QUAD

New York, Jan. 8.

The second of quadruplet boys born to a young couple died early tonight and doctors said a third had taken a turn for the worse.

The quads were born in Lancaster General Hospital in Pennsylvania yesterday to Mrs. Regina Hohenwarter, 26, whose husband Norman, also 26, is a \$65 a week druggist and postal substation clerk.

At first, the four infants had been given a good chance of survival.

'FOLD EXPECT TWINS'

The second quad to die was Mark Anthony, who weighed three pounds eight ounces. He was the last to be born and he died about three hours after John Philip, the third to be born and the lightest in weight.

Doctors said Norman Charles, who weighed four pounds one ounce, had taken a turn for the worse and was in a "poorer" condition. The fourth quadruplet was Carl Conrad, who weighed three pounds 11 ounces.

The Hohenwarters, who have two other sons, Stephen, 6, and Donald, 3, had been told by the doctor to expect twins.—United Press.

513 Holiday Deaths In US

New York, Jan. 3.

A total of 513 people died in accidents over the New Year holiday weekend according to final figures today.

The first figure showed 364 deaths in traffic accidents—a New Year holiday record—74 deaths in fires and 75 in accidents of other kinds.—Reuter.

NEW U.S. MOVES TO OUTSMART RUSSIANS

Washington, Jan. 3.

The United States Government has begun a major review of policies and trends in the Middle East and Asia to map ways of checking Soviet diplomatic infiltration and neutralist activities said to be on the increase there.

The review coincides with the new debate in London over British policies in the Middle East. Particularly over the export of surplus war material to Egypt and suggestions that a new approach should be made to enlist Soviet help in bringing peace to the area.

Two of the key United States officials in the Middle East and Asia are due to return to Washington within the next 10 days to join in the consultations now being held in the secret conference rooms of the National Security Council, the nation's top security and foreign policy planning group.

SUDDEN FEARS

Mr Henry Byroade, United States Ambassador to Cairo, is due to arrive here later this week to report to Mr John Foster Dulles, the Secretary of State, and the National Security Council on Egypt's attitude in the light of the stepped up Soviet diplomatic and economic offensive in the Middle East.

Mr Byroade's views are expected to weigh heavily with Mr Eisenhower's administration leaders in view of sudden fears that last-minute complications in negotiations for a world bank loan might lead Egypt to accept Soviet offers to help in the construction of the high dam at Aswan on the Nile.

Mr John Sherman Cooper, United States Ambassador in New Delhi, is due in Washington on January 14 to discuss foreign policy developments in India.

There is increasing speculation here that Mr Cooper while in Washington will advise on arrangements for a visit to India which Mr Dulles is reported to be planning to make after he attends the Southeast Asian Treaty Organisation in Karachi next March.—Reuter.

Tengku's Fears Of Assassination

Kuala Lumpur, Jan. 3.

Premier Tengku Abdul Rahman has warned members of the official Malayan mission to London to be on guard against Communist assassination attempts, it was reported today.

Reliable sources said Tengku warned members of the party that will seek dominion status for Malaya the Communists may attempt to murder them to regain "lost face" suffered from last week's futile talks at Baling.

"We are not afraid," the Tengku was quoted as saying. "We shall do our duty by the government, and go wherever our responsibilities take us."—United Press.

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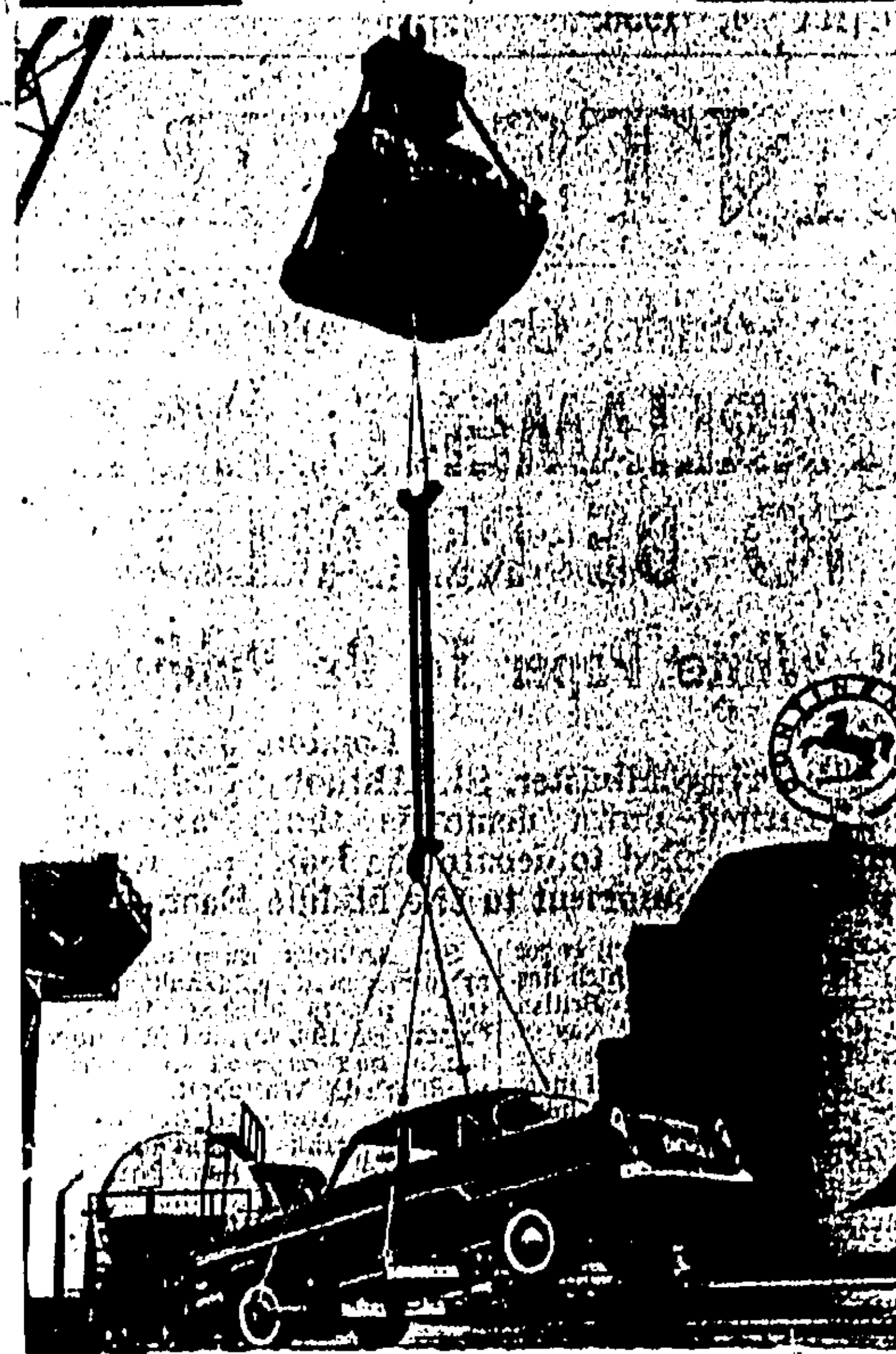
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Indonesian - Dutch Talks Deadlocked

Geneva, Jan. 3.

Finance and economic experts of Holland and Indonesia today failed to break a deadlock on guarantees for Dutch concessions and profits in the former colony.

An Indonesia source said "no headway was made" and that it was left to Ministerial discussions to unravel the tricky financial and economic issues.

Conference sources said the Dutch had formally proposed in writing their demand for international guarantees for

Dutch concessions and transfer of Dutch profits in Indonesia.

The Dutch also proposed a clause on a court of arbitration which would bring any road-block in the past of these financial and economic matters before the International Court at The Hague.

Guarantees Wanted

This means that the Dutch side wants guarantees written into the new agreement which would be bound by international law. The Indonesians favour still the guarantees tied to their national judicial setup.

Heading the Dutch economic experts is Simon Teppema of the Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs. His Indonesian counterpart, I. Kasimo, heads the Indonesian group.

The Indo-Dutch talks which started in The Hague on December 10 and later moved here will be raised to full Ministerial level tomorrow when the Foreign Ministers of both countries together with their top-level advisers continue in Geneva the final round of the parleys.

Observers predicted the discussions will close this week.—United Press.

Congress Only

Mr. Vinson's bill would permit the Pentagon to avoid competitive bids during a national emergency declared by Congress only.

His Bill would, however, continue the other exceptions. Mr. Vinson said the administration had mostly been using former President Truman's 1950 national emergency proclamation as its basis for skipping competitive bids. He said his bill was aimed at halting this.—United Press.

New Delhi, Jan. 3.

The Shah of Iran is likely to visit India after February 10, it was learned here today. The Indian Government has told the Iranian Embassy that Premier Jawaharlal Nehru and Congress leaders will be busy for the first part of that month because of the Congress session, and that the second half of February is therefore most suitable for the visit.—United Press.

San Francisco, Jan. 3.

A strong new Pacific storm rolled in on Northern California and Southern Oregon late today, carrying heavy rain and the threat of new floods in the Christmas disaster areas.

Jean Brown, chief forecaster of the US Weather Bureau here, said rain driven by mile-a-minute winds struck the northern coast around Cape Mendocino today and the full force of the storm would be felt over most of Northern California tonight.

The forecast said the rainfall would be general from Oregon to Central California through Wednesday.

The official weather summary at 2 pm included the terse warning: "Rivers in Northern California are expected to rise and all interests should be watchful during the next 48 hours."

Potential Hazard

Mr. Brown said the storm was not expected to be as heavy as the pre-Christmas deluge that caused the disastrous California and Oregon floods. But he added that there was a "potential hazard" of new floods due to melting snow in the Sierras.

The forecaster said an average of six feet of new snow had fallen since the Sierras since the floods and he said tonight's storm would bring warm rain and cause a considerable runoff.

"We do not think the storm will cause new floods, but there is a potential hazard and everyone should be alerted," said Mr. Brown.

Other Warnings

He said the danger was greatest in the Sacramento Valley, particularly around the Yuba City area where engineers have just completed patching up the broken Feather River levee.

Southeast storm warnings were raised today from Point Arena to Cape Blanco, Oregon, and winds up to 40 miles an hour were predicted for the San Francisco Bay area.—United Press.

Interplanetary Travel Beyond Blueprint Stage

Moscow, Jan. 3.

The problem of interplanetary communication has "passed from the blueprint stage into the phase of practical execution," a Soviet scientist was quoted here as announcing.

The trade union newspaper Trud said Prof. Prokhorovky said Russia could launch an artificial space satellite in 1958 and has already conducted experiments with animals in space travel.

The brief statement in Trud made no reference to the United States plans for launching a basketball-size space satellite.

Withstood Trip

In a general statement on satellites Prof. Prokhorovky was quoted as saying that monkeys and dogs which rode inside rockets were projected several hundred kilometres into space and "excellently withstood the trip into the cosmos."

One poodle that made the trip, the scientist said, now lives happily in Moscow.

(In London, the Communist Daily Worker headlined a space satellite story that appeared to come from a "Prof. Prokhorovky" (sic) "a leading member of the Soviet commission on interplanetary travel").—United Press.

Strikers Back But No Work

Paris, Jan. 3.

Paris airport control tower staffs, who went back to work today with other categories of airport workers after a two-month strike, found that telephone links, transferred to military airfield control towers for the strike period, had not been reconnected.

Lack of co-ordination will mean a 48-hour delay in the normal resumption of air traffic and services, it was estimated.—France-Press.

BRAZILIAN PRESIDENT CANCELS UK TRIP

London, Jan. 3.

Senor Juscelino Kubitschek, President-elect of Brazil, has cancelled his proposed visit to Britain, a Foreign Office spokesman confirmed today.

The trip was to have taken place between January 10 and 12. Senor Kubitschek had accepted a British invitation to make an official visit to this country as a guest of honour of the British Government, but not as a chief of state.

It was understood here from an informed source that Senor Kubitschek had cancelled his visit because the official proclamation of the results of the Brazilian presidential elections had been put back to January 12. He is to be installed as President on January 21.—France-Press.

Japs Waiting To Visit Graves

New Delhi, Jan. 3.

The Japanese Embassy here today still was awaiting an Indian Government reply to their request to allow a team to visit sites where Japanese died during the last war.

Burma already has given its consent for the team to visit there.

The Embassy said the team, consisting of 12 persons, is likely to leave Japan at the end of January to visit 14 districts in Burma and India to collect the remains of 80,000 war dead and to offer special prayers at the sites where they were killed.

The party will be made up of six government officials, four representatives of the Buddhist families and two Buddhist priests, the Embassy said.

Similar parties already have visited sites in Alaska and the Solomon Islands and brought back to Japan the bodies of those soldiers they were able to identify.—United Press.

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Dulles May Appeal For Kashmir

Settlement FACES DIFFICULT TASK AMID SEVERE CRITICISM

By David Shears

Washington, Jan. 4.

Mr John Foster Dulles, the United States Secretary of State, may make a personal appeal to the leaders of India and Pakistan to heal their differences during his visit to South Asia in nine weeks' time, diplomatic sources said today.

He will be in Karachi at the beginning of March for the SEATO (South-East Asia Treaty Organisation) meeting there and is certain to talk with Pakistani leaders then on outstanding problems.

UK ZIONISTS HIT BACK AT RUSSIANS

London, Jan. 3.

THE Federation today accused the Soviet Communist Party leader, Mr Khrushchev, of a "cruel attempt to stir up ill will against the whole Jewish people" by his references to Israel during a recent address to the Supreme Soviet in Moscow.

In a statement issued here today the Federation said "British Zionists strongly refute Mr Khrushchev's entirely false assertion that the state of Israel from the first days of its existence has been taking a hostile, threatening position towards its neighbours. The exact opposite is true."

Well Aware
"The Soviet Union is well aware of the fact that the Arab states have invaded Israel but they still consider themselves to be at war with Israel and refuse to enter into peace talks."

"A policy of imperialism behind Israel is created by Mr Khrushchev in order to conceal his real objective which is to win over the Arabs and so to help Russia to gain influence in the Middle East. "Khrushchev's unwarranted and unjustified falsification of Israel's reported offer of peace and reconciliation with her Arab neighbours is a cruel attempt to stir up ill will not only against Israel but against the whole Jewish people."

—Reuter.

'DDT QUEEN'

Capetown, Jan. 3.
Local farmers chose a husky wine grower as their "DDT Queen"—"Just to show how ridiculous this queen business is."
Other farmers dressed up as women to act as maids of honour for the appearance of the "DDT Queen" at their annual concert. —China Mail Special.

Rome Will Be Crowded For Pope's Birthday

Vatican City, Jan. 3.

Tens of thousands of pilgrims are expected to converge on Rome from all over the world to pay tribute to Pope Pius XII on his 80th birthday on March 2, Vatican sources said today.

Celebrations and special pilgrimages were expected to last full twelve months, they said. The Pope himself, out of modesty, opposed the idea of a "jubilee year," they explained. And his doctors were likewise against it on grounds that seeing a large influx of pilgrims would over-exert the aging pontiff.

German Pilgrimage
Even without the official label, the celebrations were expected to be tremendous. A great German pilgrimage was leaving Munich on February 29, for Rome, and tens of thousands of other pilgrims were expected from all parts of Italy, Europe and the Americas.

Besides being the Pope's birthday, March 2 is also the 17th anniversary of his reign. The Vatican printing shop is marking the occasion by reprinting the 17 volumes of speeches, broadcasts and documents the Pope made during his reign.

Earlier editions of the one-volume-a-year collection have been long sold out. United Press.

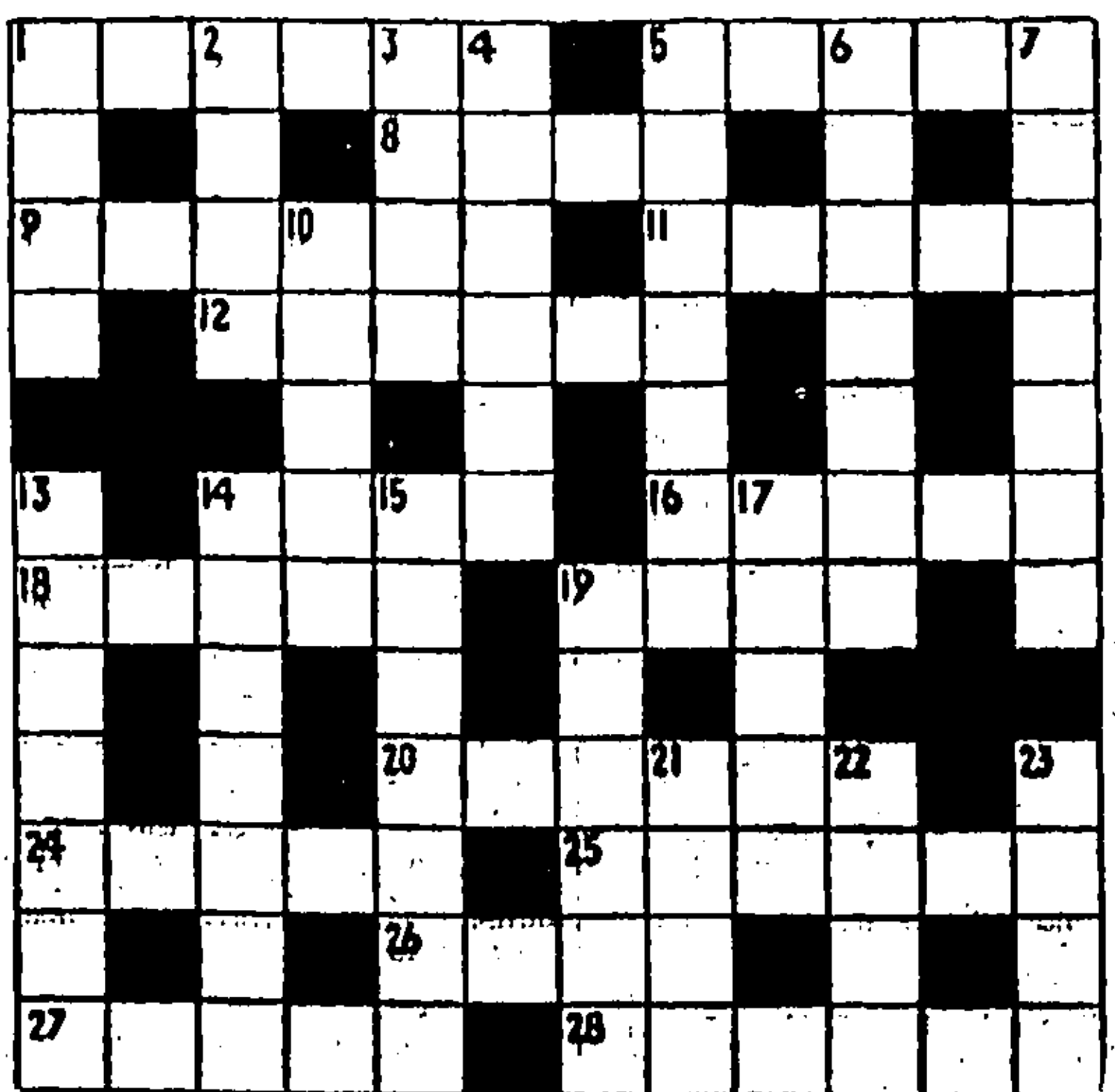
Swimmers To The Rescue

Lisbon, Jan. 3.

Life-guard teams composed of swimmers from local swimming clubs saved 201 lives in two months on the beaches of Carcavelos, Santo Amaro and Oeiras, near Lisbon.

The teams were on permanent duty on the beaches during the busy summer season.—China Mail Special.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Disturbance (6).
- 5 Relative (6).
- 8 Scheme (4).
- 9 Sent (8).
- 11 Stuff (6).
- 12 Severe trial (6).
- 14 Wagers (6).
- 16 Change (6).
- 18 Reville (6).
- 19 Responsibility (4).
- 20 Al fresco meal (6).
- 24 Trout (6).
- 25 Concealing (6).
- 26 Title of Herodias (4).
- 27 Finished (6).
- 28 Protect (6).

DOWN

- 1 Swift (4).
- 2 Voice (4).
- 3 Initiated (4).
- 4 Stumbers (6).
- 5 Dirty (7).
- 6 Neckwear (7).
- 7 Oriental (7).
- 10 Attempts (6).
- 13 Sent to the bottom (7).
- 14 Boasted (7).
- 15 Embled (7).
- 17 Clear (6).
- 18 Flower (6).
- 21 Pleasant (4).
- 22 Quote (4).
- 23 Old (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Gloss, 4 Harms, 8 United, 10 Essay, 12 Pirate, 14 Treble, 17 Anti, 19 Averted, 20 Agitate, 22 Bent, 23 Erasing, 27 Tender, 29 Award, 30 Solace, 31 Attire, 32 Agent. Down: 1 Gault, 2 Opaque, 3 Sleep, 5 Area, 6 Ascend, 7 Styled, 9 Dilated, 11 Stars, 13 Reverses, 15 Rare, 16 Setter, 18 Term, 20 Armada, 21 Intact, 24 Arcana, 25 Inane, 26 Guest, 28 Negy.

King Baudouin Receives Chief Scout



King Baudouin of the Belgians is shown greeting General Spry, head of the International Bureau of Scouts, when General Spry came to visit him at the Royal Palace in Brussels. —Express Photo.

Protectionists Move Against Ike's Tariff Plans

Washington, Jan. 3.

Protectionist groups in Congress revised their high tariff strategy today and opened a new drive against President Eisenhower's plans to reduce international trade barriers.

The new weapon was a Bill playing down tariff increases as a means of protecting United States industry against foreign competition and seeking a broad system of quota restrictions against dollar earning imports from abroad.

The Bill, which will be introduced immediately after the President's delivery of the State of the Union message to Congress, is said to be backed by the National Committee of Industry, Agriculture and Labour for an Export-Import Policy, a leading protectionist organization.

For the last two years protectionist forces have com-

Who Is Going To Pay For This Army?

Washington, Jan. 3.

The United States and West Germany are expected to open talks soon on who is to foot the bill of 300,000 dollars to support four United States divisions in West Germany.

It was understood here that officials of the British Embassy are keenly interested in the United States transaction with an eye to similar negotiations with West Germany over an estimated 200,000,000 dollars for support of British troops there.

It was learned authoritatively today that the United States Defence Department's appropriations to Congress in the coming year, will include the 300,000,000 dollars.

But officials said this did not necessarily mean that support from West Germany would not continue.—Reuter.

MRS PANDIT SUPPORTS NEHRU'S POLICY OF CO-EXISTENCE

London, Jan. 3.

THE Indian High Commissioner, Mrs Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, today echoed Premier Jawaharlal Nehru's words: "We do not want to be hostile to any country."

In an open letter to the Indian students here, Mrs Pandit said that India would "continue to face many problems because we are still far from the goal we have set ourselves. But the facing of the difficulties and solving of problems will strengthen the country."

Make Friends

Mrs Pandit reminded the students of Mr Nehru's famous words: "We shall make friends with all who are friendly to us and we shall also continue to be friendly with those who do not want to be friends with us."

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Mrs Pandit, a former President of the United Nations General Assembly, who has just started the second year of her assignment here, said: "The life of a diplomat has many facets, as a diamond, although I regret to say, hardly any of the diamond's brilliance."

"One is bound down by red tape, procedure and protocol and away from equities. There are the huge increasing demands of social life which can seldom be denied."

"If only there was more leisure time to think quietly. Then how much more we could achieve."

"It is the mad rush to keep abreast of time that seems to be killing all that is worth in human nature—and the tragedy is that Father Time always wins the race. So we are wasting our time to no good purpose."

Main Purpose

Explaining the role of an envoy, Mrs Pandit said: "The main purpose of an ambassador's work is to make in the country to which one is accredited the greatest degree of understanding of one's own nation, its hopes and fears, its achievements, and the objectives towards which it aspires. This can only be possible if the ambassador is himself an all-round well-rounded person."

Iraqis Get Centurion Tanks

Baghdad, Jan. 3.

A DOZEN 50-ton Centurion tanks and 30 Ferret scout cars were handed over to the Iraqi Army today by Britain and the United States at a ceremony at Muskar al Rashid, the main Iraqi Army camp south of Baghdad.

Ten of the tanks were handed over under the United States military aid scheme to Iraq. The other two were a gift from Britain.

Waldemar Gailman, United States Ambassador, said his country was "proud to be associated with Iraq in its social and economic development, and in its effort to protect these programmes through increased Iraqi military strength."

Efficient Weapons

Mr R. W. J. Hooper, British Charge d'Affaires, speaking on behalf of the Ambassador, Sir Michael Wright, who is in London, said Iraq's welfare programme made it "all the more important for you to possess modern and efficient weapons to defend your country against an attack from any quarter."

We said the gifts handed over today were "the most modern type of material with which our own front line units are equipped." —Reuter.

Britons Are World's Worst Drivers

Los Angeles, Jan. 3.

A reader's letter in the Los Angeles Times said: "A good British driver is probably the worst driver in the world." The reader, Mr Cyril D.H.G. Dilling, wrote: "I have lived and driven in England for 25 years and in Los Angeles for 12 months, but even with the fumes and bother of learning to drive on the right side of the road, my blood pressure has reduced, my temper smoothed and my car remained undented."

The letter was in response to remarks on the hazards of driving in America by the chairman of the British Overseas Airways Corporation, Sir Miles Thomas, printed by the London Times and given publicity here.—China Mail Special.

New Anti-Submarine Aircraft For RN

London, Jan. 3.

An anti-submarine plane that can drive at 380 miles an hour or circle its prey at 60 mph will go into service with the Royal Navy this month, it was announced today.

The Short Seafarer, powered by a turbo-prop engine, has a patrol endurance of five hours and can carry a variety of anti-submarine weapons in addition to the latest radar and search equipment.

The plane, designed to be carried by a ship, can take off in 15 feet into the wind.

MISSED WAR BY INCHES

By Robert Musel

London, Jan. 3.

We've all just had a narrow escape, folks. The pyramidologists were all set to announce World War III for 1956, but then they found out they had made a mistake measuring a certain chamber in the great pyramid of Cheops.

"Of course," said perky little Dr Adam Rutherford, president of the Institute of Pyramidology, "there may still be a war this year, but we won't be able to claim credit for predicting it." He seemed almost regretful.

"We can only reveal what is written in that great stone prophecy which it is our function to interpret," he said.

Dr Rutherford is just back from lectures in Lapland and has recently been in Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Holland. Next spring he goes to Iceland and the United States where he has lectured or talked to pyramid fans in most of the 48 states.

Many Thousands

"You mean a lot of people believe the great pyramid contains the future of the human chambers?"

the date of the exodus from Egypt.

This marks the beginning of an ascending passage 1,485 inches (or years) long. That brings us to 88 AD—the Crucifixion.

When Dr Rutherford was a boy in 1893, the Egyptologists of which his father was one, deduced that an ominous event of great magnitude would occur in 1914. They figured this from the length of the Grand Gallery in the Pyramid of Cheops—1,861 pyramid inches (or years) measured from the end of the passage of 88 AD. This event was World War I.

Period Of Peace

"You can say we have a good many thousands of believers," beamed the little doctor who claims his studies have kept him looking young. He is 62 but could pass for 45. Pyramidology started 80 years ago after a Scottish scientist found what he believed to be a mathematical key in the construction of the immense pyramid which contains enough masonry to build 20 Empire State buildings.

This key or unit of measurement led him, and his successors, including Dr Rutherford, to state flatly that the biggest man-made structure on earth was completed in 2141 BC. At first Egyptologists gave 3777 BC as the date of completion but as the date of completion moved "they've been gradually moving toward our date," chortles Dr Rutherford, a Doctor of Divinity.

Father Wills Baby To Sleep

Johannesburg, Jan. 3.

Johannes Pretorius, three years old, has never kept the family awake at night because his father "wills him to sleep" whenever he is troublesome.

The father, Mr J. Pretorius, said here: "I first hypnotized Johannes when he was three months old. I swayed slowly from side to side in front of him and willed him to sleep. After that it was easy."

Mr Pretorius, formerly a C.S. week labourer, now practises as a hypnotist and faith healer.—China Mail Special.

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TRINIDAD STEEL BANDS HAVE BIG AMBITIONS

By WILLIAM FISH

Port of Spain, Trinidad. "HELLO," yelled a voice through a static that crackled and buzzed on the phone line. "Dis is Mighty Skipper speaking."

I listened carefully and heard a Trinidad steel band playing in the background. It sounded like six xylophones keeping time with a dozen pairs of maracas.

"I understand you want to learn about steel bands," shouted the voice. "This is the place to do it, mih! The Diamond Horseshoe Club. Come right round."

The line went dead. A 10-minute drive through Port of Spain's oven-hot streets brought me to the Diamond Horseshoe.

Seven dusky young men in Hawaiian shirts lit up a dark corner of the large ground-floor room. Hung in front of them were four huge blue of drums standing upright on small wooden blocks. Three of the Trinidadians had circular pieces of steel hung round their necks like cigarette trays.

THE INSTRUMENTS

THEY seized short sticks, tipped with rubber and began playing a calypso on the oil drums and steel discs.

The drums gave out a low note like a double bass. The smaller instruments made an unearthly sound between that of a guitar and a xylophone.

In the background were the only conventional instruments in the band—the maracas.

Mighty Skipper, a shock-headed Trinidadian authority on steel bands, stepped forward as the musicians swung into a Neapolitan air.

"Steel bands can play anything," he said smiling proudly. To prove it, the band began playing "Lambeth Walk."

Mighty Skipper (he acknowledges no other name) began identifying the instruments. Pointing to the circular steel pieces he said: "Ping pong, alto pings and tenor kites." These proved to be the tops of all drums cut off about six inches down.

He named the full-length bass drums as tune booms and c-b booms.

WITHOUT MUSIC

STEEL band melody is the music of the garage dump. Besides using oil drums, steel bandsmen use fashion instruments from discards, brake drums, car parts and junk iron.

The band struck up a waltz. They played without music, and it was impossible to determine who was the leader. They played the same tune over and

over again with slight variations, making each song last nearly 10 minutes.

The tops of instruments are marked with the notes they can play. But, like good pianists, Trinidadians know where to strike without looking.

"Ten years ago this music could have caused a riot," said Mighty Skipper. In fact, steel bandsmen caused many riots in Port of Spain during and after the war.

Gangs of hoodlums stole dust-bins and beat discordant tunes upon them with beer bottles. Bandsmen armed themselves against rival musicians with razors and daggers, till police commando squads had to be called out to restore order.

SEMI-PRIMITIVE

BUT like so many other low-born institutions, steel bands have become eminently respectable in Trinidad. They are an integral part of the colour and gaiety that is the background to life in this contented British colony.

Their music is softer and sweeter, and exponents are beginning to refer to them as "steel orchestras."

But steel band music is still in a semi-primitive stage, and players are mostly illiterate, under-privileged youths from Trinidad's slum areas. Their only tutor is an inherent musical ability and a love of music.

The steel band was born in Trinidad, and spread from here to other islands in the sparkling Caribbean.

Now the Highlanders, Dixie Stars, Southern Serenaders and other steel bands are carrying steel music to America, and Gramophone records are spreading it to the rest of the world.

"Trinidadian steel bandsmen are ambitious," said Mighty Skipper. "We are aiming for Radio City, London and Paris."

COME TO STAY

WHATEVER the rest of the world may think of steel music, it has come to stay in Trinidad. Every night club carries a steel band in addition to the dance orchestra.

Each year thousands of youngsters who could afford no other type of instrument begin picking out tunes on oil drums. They pay \$5.4d. for the drums, and \$1 to have them tuned.

A new race of craftsmen in Port of Spain's backstreets have become instrument-makers. They heat the tops of drums and chisel them into differently shaped segments to produce the required notes.

Steel bandsmen claim this gives them the distinction of being the only musicians in the world to play upon instruments fashioned with a blowtorch and cold chisel.



"So much for your economy plan—'We'll go out and get a couple of pheasants instead of paying through the nose for a turkey.'" London Express Service

By NATHANIEL GUBBINS

PETER PAN FINDS HIS MOTHER

"Peter Pan" the story of a boy who wouldn't grow up, by the late Sir James Barrie, was first produced 51 years ago.

IT is Christmas Eve. The corner house in Bloomsbury where the Darling family lived in 1904 is still there. The little girl Wendy Darling



violet-tinted grey perm.

She is no longer in the night nursery on the top floor expecting Peter Pan to fly through the window. She is in the ground-floor parlour sitting in an arm-chair listening to "The Archers."

Her husband's dinner is cooking in the kitchen. She has forgotten all about Peter Pan.

The window opens slowly, a draught of cold air blowing the curtains aside. Wendy reaches for the telephone to dial 999, but a seedy, middle-aged man with a grey stubble on his

chin is in the room before she can life the receiver.

He gives a little grunt because of his lumbago.

Seedy Man: Don't be frightened of me, Wendy.

Wendy (switching off radio): Did I hear you call me Wendy?

Seedy Man: Of course you did. You are Wendy, aren't you?

Wendy: That's my name. Who are you?

Seedy Man: Peter Pan.

Wendy: Peter Pan? Peter Pan? Oh, I remember. The boy who didn't want to grow up.

Peter: That's me. You know the story. When I was a day old I heard my parents tell each other what I was going to be. But I didn't want to be anything but a little boy, so I flew away to the Never Never Land.

Wendy: Why aren't you flying now?

Peter: Rheumatism.

Never never land

Wendy: Then you certainly have grown up. Won't the old fairy dust help?

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Yo ho, yo ho, when I say "pay"

By fear they're overlooked.

Naught's left upon your bones when you

Have shaken hands with Hook.

Peter: His son sings a different version of it.

Wendy: Is he a pirate too?

Peter: I'll say he is, but a different kind. He runs a never-never store in the Never Never Land. When you can't pay your instalments you hear him stumping along singing:

Yo ho, yo ho, when I say "pay"

By fear they're overlooked.

Their bank accounts are red as blood.

When they've been done by Hook.

Wendy: I've found the never-never people very reasonable about payments.

Peter: So they may be. But not Hook. He sells fairy dust in packets now. So much down and so much a month. But I can't afford it, not on National Assistance.

Wendy: Are you hungry, Peter?

Peter: Starving.

Wendy: At one time you were quite happy on pretend meals.

Peter: I've had enough of those for the past 50 years. That's a nice smell coming from your kitchen.

Wendy: I'll get you something to eat in a minute. But tell me

first what is the price of fairy dust?

Peter: Oh, something like £5 down and a £1 a month. Were you thinking of buying a packet?

Wendy: I remember you once sprinkled some on me and I flew as easily as anything. Right out of the nursery to my own little house in the tree tops.

Peter: But it wouldn't work today. I mean you were only a child, a feather-weight then. And what are you now? Twelve, 13 stones?

Wendy: After that you won't get a thing to eat. What's happened to my little house in the tree tops?

Peter: Hook's son is trying to sell it on the never-never.

Wendy: The filthy pig. I loved that little house. And how's your fairy friend, Tinker Bell?

Peter: You know what happens to fairies when you don't believe in them?

Wendy: Yes. They die. Everything dies if you don't believe in it. You don't believe in fairies any more?

Peter: On National Assistance you don't believe in anything.

Wendy: That's why you've grown up and got lumbago.

Peter: It's that damp island that's given me lumbago. Wendy, will you be my mother?

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Peter: When we were all on the island missing our mothers you played at pretend mother and we were all very happy. I think if I had a mother I'd be young again.

Wendy: If you want a mother what about your own?

Peter: But she must be dead.

Wendy: She's not. She's a very fit and lively 89. And rather common, too. I'll give you her address.

Peter: I've been a fairy.

Mrs Smith: A fairy? Well, that's a nice thing, isn't it? I had one son in the Foreign Office but he was a messenger. What kind of a fairy was you?

Peter: I flew over the tree tops and lived in the Never Never Land with Wendy and the others.

Mrs Smith: Lived with Wendy, eh? Well, well, well. What did you do for a living?

With Mermaids

Peter: Nothing but swim about and play with the mermaids.

Mrs Smith: Just like your father. A natural born bun with an eye for girls in bathing costumes. Oo was the others?

Peter: There was the pirate Captain Hook and Smee and Starkey and Tiger Lily and the Indians. And, of course, there was the crocodile.

Mrs Smith: Crocodiles, too, eh?

Peter: You always knew he was coming because he had swallowed an alarm clock which went tick, tick, tick, tick.

Mrs Smith: Do you know what's wrong with you, Fred?

Peter: No, mother darling. Do tell me.

Mrs Smith: You're either barmy or you've got the coppers like your father. W h e n y o u r e b a r m y o r y o u 'v e g o t t h e c o p p e r s l i k e y o u r f a t h e r ' a d . W h e n y o u r e b a r m y o r y o u 'v e g o t t h e c o p p e r s l i k e y o u r f a t h e r ' a d .

Mrs Smith: And the one thing that put your father right was a drop of tiddly. Go on. Avo one.

Peter: Please, mother.

Mrs Smith: All right, sour-puss. I'll ave one meself. (Sings suddenly.)

Good King Wenceslas looked out. On the Feast of Stephen.

Peter: Please, mother. Don't. Mrs Smith:

Bring me flesh and bring me wine. De de, de de, de de.

Peter in despair: To die would be an awfully big adventure.

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JULIA, THE GIRL WHOM 50 MEN WANT TO MARRY

by ANNE SHARPLEY

IT is exhilarating to watch a £15 bottle of perfume being poured over the carpet—when the perfume is not one's own. So I sat back enjoying the libation and the aromatic fog which resulted.

"There," said the girl, whose surname is never used, "that is my atmosphere."

Dizzy, I agreed, as I listened to her orders for the complete redecoration of her dressing-room at the Palladium. It must

have lots of gold. And she wanted a bar, a TV set, a telephone and flowers.

"What about the carpet?" I said, urging her on. But the carpet, now that it smelled right, apparently passed.

"And this," she said, picking up a plain wicker wastepaper basket, "I want in gold, too."

The girl with the Midas touch is Julia of the dance team Darvas and Julia. "The number one dance team of the world," she says, in a way that allows no contradiction.

She can afford all the gold paint, or rather the Palladium can afford it on her behalf. Gold, even when it is paint, has a reassuring, companionable feeling for her. And every where that Julia goes her atmosphere goes too.

Her huge white Cadillac, like Mary's lamb, has followed her across the Atlantic. Her hair has been put into a London store. "At first they refused. They did not want the responsibility of my 8,000-dollar mink coat." Fortune is practically running out of the tape. And

her jewels are in a strong room round the corner. ("Let me take you there and show you.")

Each of my dresses has its own set of jewellery. I always buy in sets—earrings, necklaces, bracelets and rings. One of my diamond necklaces is worth 8,000 dollars.

And, just as it should be, Julia's frinkets are only the outer symbols of financial security. Her half-brother and partner—the "Darvas" of the show—showbizly invests the money they earn.

"We have real estate in Las Vegas, Rio de Janeiro and Canada," says Julia.

While the brother "Nicky" collects libraries and suitors.

Her dance act with her brother in which she is cruelly stung yards across the stage, treatment she accepts with angelic calm, and incredible dexterity has brought

600 proposals from at least 50 men.

"All worth ten million dollars each," adds her brother.

"She's got one now," he says. "He owns a racetrack and ten or fifteen factories," says she, of the man she calls "my date." "Wherever I am he flies to see me, Brazil, Cuba, Canada, London soon, of course. Even if it means there is only time to lunch with me."

22,000 A WEEK

"He has begged me for one and a half years to marry him."

"And will you?"

"I am one of those miserable ones who always says 'no' because I am very happy not to be married."

"If I quit dancing I would be very unhappy."

With fees at Las Vegas for the pair at £2,000 a week, she can afford to keep feeling happy, even at the rate of £100 a day—multi-millionaire.

The Palladium are not revealing what they are paying.

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

BORN today, you are exceptionally intuitive and at times, are almost psychic in your hunches. Learn to permit yourself to be guided by these feelings, for there are some to whom this gift is given for special reasons and you will do well to follow its dictates. Although you may seem to make "map judgments," they will in the long run turn out to be the right ones.

The stars have given you exceptional talents, and it is up to you to develop them to their highest degree of efficiency. You enjoy traveling and probably will see a great deal of the earth's surface during your lifetime. Since you make friends wherever you go, your friends and acquaintances probably will cover a large part of the globe.

You have the gift for making money, but you also have the talent for spending it just about as fast as you earn it. Consequently, there are times of plenty—and others of famine. You will be wise if you will learn to budget your income and resources and learn to save that penny when you are in funds so that there need never be any proverbial "rainy day."

Among those born on this date are W. H. Dow, inventor; Thom J. Page, Max Eastman, authors; Harry James, jurist; John W. Hutchinson, singer; Edward P. Dutton, publisher; Tom Thumb, dwarf.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Strength And Length Count

By OSWALD JACOBY

BIDDING is a game played by four players who have each a point count to guide them. However, it is still important to look at your distribution in addition to counting your points. It's something like watching your knight; you need to know how much you've got, but you also need to know where you've got it.

In today's hand, North saw that he had only 12 points in high cards. He opened the bidding, properly enough, but got discouraged when his partner made the weak response of one no-trump. North decided to pass since game was almost surely out of the question.

The pass was a wise idea even though North's count was not enough for game. North had all of his high cards and most of his distribution in the black suits. Both sets were quite open. The hand would almost surely play a few tricks better at a suit than at no-trump.

NORTH (DE) 11			
AKQ84			
104			
986			
AK1095			
WEST			
53			
AQJ73			
KJ72			
102			
EAST			
1095			
K102			
AQ105			
J74			
SOUTH			
J62			
986			
843			
AQ83			
North-South vul			
North	East	South	West
1	Pass	1NT	Pass
Pass	Double	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♥Q			

Hence North should have bid instead of passing despite his low point count.

North got a second chance to correct the contract when East doubled. By this time, however, North had made up his mind. He stood by the poor contract and still a minor disaster.

West opened the queen of hearts and the defenders proceeded to take the first nine tricks in hearts and diamonds. South was down three, for a loss of 800 points.

If North had bid two spades, he would have played the hand there, making this contract with an overtrick. Even if North had bid two clubs, he probably would have become declarer at two or three spades or two or three clubs. Nine tricks were there for the taking at either spades or clubs.

The difference between making a part score and going down at one no-trump would have been pretty close to 1,000 points.

CORD SENSE

Q—The bidding has been:
North East South West
1 Diamond Pass 1 Spade Pass
2 Clubs Pass ?
You, South, hold:
AKQ1085♥KJ3♠762♣J2
What do you do?
A—Bid two no-trump. You have 11 points and a second holding in the unbid suits. Although your hand isn't quite strong enough to bid the game yourself, you have ample strength with which to suggest one.

TODAY'S QUESTION
The bidding has been:
North East South West
1 Heart Pass 1 Spade Pass
2NT Pass ?
You, South, hold:
AKJ10765♥32♠884♣J
What do you do?
Answer Tomorrow

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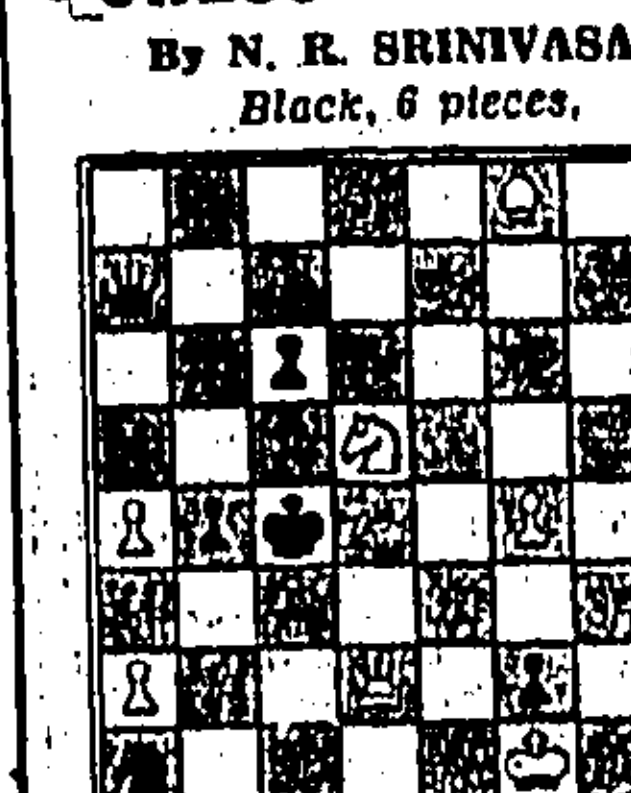
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Across
1. A verb on this anagram.
(10)
2. Expressions on trees. (10)
11. Date and lived in return. (10)
12. It provides the spot of kings.
(4)
13. Placed at. (8)
14. It provides a quick guide. (10-11)
15. There's both ends. (4)
20. Good for an early film. (4)
21. Time for romance. (10)
22. Spun. (4)
23. Purses without the Free States. (10)
24. Go in again. (10-11)
Down
1. "He's Motor" (1) (anagram). (10)
2. Verminous campers. (10)
3. Physical this made a statue. (10)
4. If you're in this, your bank manager may want to see you. (10)
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CHESS PROBLEM

By N. R. SRINIVASAN

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The Spot of Honour at the Top of the Sports Parade has a new occupant this week and there will be few quibbles at the selection of Sapper 'Jock' McInnes as the first feature sportsman of 1956.

The closing weeks of the old year brought well won recognition and several honours to this brilliant young footballer. He was given the captaincy of the Scotland side that tackled and defeated Portugal in the International series; he was also nominated to captain the HKFA side against CAAE in the first game for the Governor's Cup, and on top of that came his selection for the All-Hongkong side to meet the Austrian visitors later this month.

His selection for the Hongkong Selection team, however, that took place on Saturday January 21, was a little more than a nomination to succeed Crompton as Captain of the Army side in the most important of all.

A typical example of the start of the Governor's Cup match on Monday evening, when the Hongkong side was defeated by the Austrian visitors, was the fact that Sapper McInnes was the only player to be selected for the Hongkong side in the Hongkong Selection for the second time.

Major John Ledwith's fine commentary on the closing stages of the recent rugby match between the Army and the Rest of the Colony under floodlights at the Club Stadium was one of the highlights of Rediffusion's Sports programme last Saturday.

The significant aspect regarding the support for the game, which was added at the end of the commentary, will be that all who have the interest at heart. It is indeed surprising that top class athletes have failed to bring out more than the most nominal of crowds. The play is usually of a good standard and it's a great pity that something of the enthusiasm of the players and their officials cannot be transmitted to the general sporting public.

I hope to have good news very soon for table tennis enthusiasts who are interested in competing in a table tennis League. The energetic committee of the European Table Tennis Club is working on just such a project and I have it on the very best authority that we can expect a full announcement in the very near future.

FINE VICTORY
and now for a spot of congratulations. First of all to popular Bruce Tulloh for his fine victory in the annual New Year's Day Road Race. Competing against a field of 120 competitors, the Royal Artillery runner just edged out fellow soldier Alan Smith by the narrowest of margins. Tulloh's time of 33 minutes 8 seconds was a most satisfactory one but it bettered Smith's effort by only 1.5 seconds.

This event was a credit to the organisers and provided fine entertainment for a large gathering of spectators.

The second ration of congratulations goes to the footballers of Command Workshops REME for their grand performance last week in beating the powerful 8 CDF side by 3 goals to nil. The pre-match predictions suggested that Ordnance boys would win by a narrow margin but the REME side repeated last season's clear-cut victory.

It is anticipated that a new name will be heard in Army football circles in the near future. Gnr Winter, who arrived a couple of weeks ago, is a professional on the books of West Ham United and it is known the management of that club predict a bright career for him. He is due to appear in one of the Army sides in the near future.

Two interesting letters await the arrival in England of Vernon Ashworth, the ex-Army player. Both letters are from well known League clubs offering Ashworth an immediate opportunity to show his ability. It is believed that Ashworth, who was an amateur with Rochdale before his call-up, may return to that club as a professional.

The Army players, apart from their fine fighting display against South China on Saturday, have been fully engaged in saying goodbye to several of their colleagues. Crompton and Haycock, who have been playing in the Hongkong side, are leaving the Colony this week. Brooks and McCloy have also played many fine games and all three will take away with them the

The Hon. Secretary of the Army Football Association has a limited number of reserved tickets for the forthcoming series of games against the visiting Austrian team. These are available for the All-Hongkong game on Wednesday.

BRITAIN'S OLYMPIC HOPES

On track and field, in gymnastics, bath, in tennis and village up and down the country, Britain's top athletes are preparing for a tilt at the biggest prize amateur sport has to offer—an Olympic Gold Medal. What are their chances?

This series takes you into the dressing rooms, and shower baths, introduces you to the men and women who hope for the honour of wearing the Union Jack on their track suits in Melbourne next year. It tells the story of their rise to fame, their hopes and fears.

Quiet? Yes, But Hewson Knows Where He's Going

By ERIC NICHOLLS

The world of athletes and Messrs Simpson, Piccadilly's answer to Savile Row could hardly be further apart. But pop into Simpson's one day—providing you have money to spare—and the tall young man in the natty dark suit who attends to your needs may be Brian Hewson, the world's youngest conqueror of the four-minute-mile.

In fact you may even have your suit cut by the same Mr Hewson. For during business hours, Brian Hewson, a Savile Row-trained cutter, is learning all about the affairs of Messrs Simpson.

It was in a quiet restaurant off Leicester Square that Brian told me all about tailoring and athletics. At first sight he's a quiet sort of home-loving young fellow. The sort you imagine spending their evenings by the fireside, reading. He is.

But don't allow yourself to be fooled by Hewson's modesty, however genuine it may be.

Behind that outer shield of serenity, and a broad smile more in keeping with a seller of tooth brushes than an athlete, Hewson is a quietly determined young man.

He knows where he is going, and how to get there. But he doesn't shout about it.

For instance, ask Brian about the Olympic Games in Melbourne next year, and he will tell you that he has made tentative arrangements to fly out seven weeks in advance for special training and acclimatisation. Then he will add: "That is, of course, if I'm chosen."

GREAT ATHLETE

When a great athlete as Dr Roger Bannister thinks fit to announce in public that Hewson will one day run the Mile in

three minutes 57 seconds, one could reasonably place Hewson on the short list for Melbourne.

But whatever the AAA choice, Brian will be prepared for Olympic competition. Each lunchtime, the smart young man of Simpson's marches boldly through the main doors carrying a travelling bag. He doesn't travel very far. Just to a track in nearby Chelsea, where he changes from his city suit into training gear.

Chris Chataway and Gordon Pile often join him in this mid-day sweating session. "It's much better during the day," says Hewson. "In the evening you feel so tired after a hard day's work."

Hewson trains by correspondence course. He receives regular instructions from Franz Stampfl, the famous Austrian coach, now helping Australians to prepare for the Olympics, and the man who trained Roger Bannister.

In addition to that four mile, Hewson has two victories over Gordon Pile to his credit, and has stormed to lap and track records up and down Britain.

Yet he might never have reached his present standard but for the thoughtfulness of an Amateur Athletic Association official. When Hewson's first coach, Frank Drew, died, Hewson wrote to the AAA for advice. He received the reply that they would be glad to handle "raw material."

"RAW MATERIAL"

With the AAA junior half mile titles for 1951 and '52 in his locker, with the senior AAA half mile against three Olympic runners, the two following years, and times trimmed on each occasion, Hewson didn't take kindly to the reference to "raw material."

He became a man apart, training on his own without advice or help, a young man slightly glibly. That was until a friend wrote to Franz Stampfl. Stampfl took over the job of grooming the young Hewson.

His main task was to drill into Hewson's mind acceptance of the four minute mile as something he would achieve.

Hewson made it. Now under the guidance of the same coach Hewson will be chasing that 1,500 Metres title in the Olympics.

Perhaps he will make Bannister's prophecy come true and win the Melbourne mile. All Britain hopes he will.—London Express Service.

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Sports Diary

TOMORROW

HKAAA Executive Committee Meeting at Education Department, 5.30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Senior Challenge Shield
Kwong Wah v Kitchener (CH), 3.30 p.m.; Eastern v Sun Yat (HK) Stadium, 3.30 p.m.

Junior Challenge Shield
Tung Wah v Eastern (CH), 2.30 p.m.; Sun Yat v RNL (HK Stadium), 3 p.m.; Kitchener v RNL (Navy) 2.15 p.m.

Ladies League Services HC v KGV "B" (BS) 2.30 p.m.; KGV "A" v Greening (KFP) 2.30 p.m.; CCC v Doncaster (HV) 2.30 p.m.; Victorians v Rectorio (HV) 4 p.m.; Greening King's v Dorians "A" (BS) 4 p.m.

2nd Division: Army "A" v DES, KCC "A" v Rectorio, KGV v Army "B", Navy v University "A", Police v RAF, University "A" v TRC.

Badminton
Closing date for school children's Badminton Championship.



Brian Hewson, the family man, picks tomatoes for his mother at their London suburban home.

JAMES PARK SPOTLIGHTS

3-YEAR-OLDS OF 1956

Milesian May Be Irish Threat In Our Guineas

I have seldom known a year when the Free Handicap has been of such little guidance. There are 10 home-trained colts within a stone of the top weight but few of them inspire Derby hopes.

Major L. B. Holliday owns Gratitude, but he will not be anything more than a sprinter. He is bred for speed on both sides of his pedigree, being by Golden Cloud out of a Court Martial mare.

Nothing ever looked like getting near him in the New Stakes at Royal Ascot. In the Gimcrack at York he was finished after five furlongs.

I have much more to say in the same owner's Dacian, though he has quite a lot of leeway to make up. I do not pay much attention to the colts' early form, as it was not until towards the end of the season that he gained the strength to prove his generous frame.

SPEED

When Dacian ran at York in August he produced a turn of speed which enabled him to join the leaders inside the last furlong. He failed to sustain the effort and it was made to appear that the six furlongs was more than he could manage.

He then went on to win the Dewhurst Stakes of seven furlongs and I was not surprised after seeing him in the paddock. He had filled out to a remarkable extent since York and not only had he grown and put on weight, but was a bundle of muscle.

I thought Humphrey Cottrell had done a good job of work in having built up the colt to such an extent. If Dacian continues to thrive in similar manner during the winter he will hold his own for looks with anything of his age in training.

The owner breeds most of his own horses but is not averse to buying any yearling that may take his fancy. Dacian was a yearling purchase at the Duncaster sales.

Bred at the Sledmere Stud, the colt is a half-brother to the St Leger winner, Ridge Wood. There is no similarity between the pair and Dacian certainly has more speed than his elder relative. A handsome chestnut colt by Dante out of Hanging Fall, the colt is inbred to Phalaris.

Hanging Fall, who bred other winners in addition to Ridge Wood, is by Solario out of Meadow Rhu, who also produced several winners and was a half-sister to the brilliant Four Course.

It is in every respect a high-class pedigree and, while Dacian may not go to the top, he should have a successful three-year-old career.

Milesian is handicapped within 1lb. of the best colt in the Irish Free Handicap. The only one of his sex placed above him is Rolstar, who could well develop into a classic proposition. As he has not run in this country, I do not know what Rolstar looks like.

Two of the three races in which Milesian took part were in England. He had been beaten in a maiden race in Ireland in May, but there appeared to be much confidence in his ability to beat Rattification at Goodwood.

INDIAN FILE

The six-furlong start on that corner cannot be seen from the stands, but when the field came into sight the four runners were in Indian file. Obviously something had happened at the start.

I sought out Rae Johnstone, who rode Milesian, and the jockey told me he caught a terrific bump from Idle Rocks as the tapes went up which nearly knocked him out of the saddle.

Despite that, Milesian once almost got in touch with Rattification, but the effort told on him in the last furlong. Rattification won by two lengths, but Johnstone told me that but for what happened at the start Milesian might have won by a similar margin.

CANTER

Connections were then left with the choice of the Gimcrack and the Imperial Produce Stakes at Kempton. It was decided to save the colt for the Kempton race.

He frightened away the opposition to such an extent that the race was little more than an exercise canter for Milesian. After half-way the colt was allowed to stride along and, without ever being called upon for a serious effort, won in a canter by six lengths.

The opposition was not strong enough to tell anything and so up to a point Milesian remains an unknown quantity. There is no doubt that the colt has a fine turn of speed.

He is by My Babu out of Outfluke, each of whom was trained by Sam Armstrong. My Babu won the 2,000 Guineas but his preparation for the Derby was interrupted and he was not at his best.

STOUT BLOOD

My Babu has not been at the stud long enough for a reliable stamina index to be calculated but there is plenty of stout blood on the maternal side as Outfluke is by Coup de Lyon out of an own sister to the Derby winner, Trigo.

There might be a doubt about Milesian staying a mile and a half, but he is a definite prospect. He is a good-looking colt with a smooth action and in due course we may hear that classic hopes are entertained.

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Home Soccer Standings

The following are the up-to-date Football League standings:

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
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Blackpool	23	12	6	5	31	25	30		
Luton	23	12	6	5	24	20	29		
Bury	23	11	7	5	21	20	29		
Charlton	23	12	4	7	20	21	28		
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POLICE COMMISSIONER INVESTIGATES TEEN-AGE VICE QUARTER IN PERSON

Melbourne, Jan. 3.

Two men in old clothes sauntered through Melbourne's slumland one night, mingling with the loafers, the aimless wanderers and the youth in the streets. They were Victoria's police chief, Commissioner Selwyn Porter and one of his top officers, Detective Superintendent H. V. Clugston. Their unheralded visit was part of an effort to rid the metropolis of teen-age vice. It followed an outcry against teen-age delinquency in Melbourne as Members of Parliament, press, social workers and the clergy have alleged that Melbourne's young people are being exposed to a danger of corruption and vice. The allegations state that:

- ★ Italian youths, newly arrived immigrants, are molesting Australian women and have begun knife battles with gangs of other youths.
- ★ Teen-agers in late-closing milk bars have been involved in vice rackets.
- ★ Young "pests" are making lonely city parks unsafe.
- ★ Car stealing and "joy-riding" are more prevalent today than ever before.
- ★ Gangs of "bodies" and "wedges"—the Australian equivalent of Britain's teddy boys and girls, were turning to crime and vandalism.

Drew Up Plan

Commissioner Porter, after his personal inspection of the Melbourne slum quarter, immediately drew up a plan to open police-sponsored youth clubs to take the youth of the city off the streets and to provide leaders for young people. Meanwhile the Victorian Government also has taken action to investigate the charges against the youth of the State. The Government set up a committee of social workers to report on "the best methods of investigating the causes and extent of juvenile delinquency of Victoria."

Among the members of the committee are Mr Justice Barry, Melbourne criminologist, Dr Alan Stoller, the chief clinical officer of the Mental Hygiene Department, who won fame last year for shocking Australians with a frank report on conditions in mental institutions, and Miss Daphne Barrett, principal of a leading private girls' school.

Not A Menace

While the Government Committee prepared to begin work, two Melbourne Argus reporters, one 25 and the other 19, claimed that they had discovered that many Melbourne youths carried home-made guns and knives.

"Melbourne's teenagers are not a menace to the community—yet," the reporters said. "They are just normal, high-spirited children. They talk loudly, set cockily and 90 per cent of them mean no harm. But there is a vicious one per cent, a core of Americanized toughs. This core could turn the present happy, harmless, idle milk bar 'cow-boys' into gangs of irresponsible young thugs."

Reporters said that in many cases the youths declared that they were carrying home-made weapons to look "sharp." One teenager told them: "I carry a knuckle-duster, lots of the boys do. We don't use them though." Another said: "They carry them just to be big."

The big danger, the reporters said, was that the toughs, the criminally-minded leaders, might turn the youths into an "unsavoury army."

Tassed Bottles

The Argus reported an incident where unruly elements took over leadership of boys and girls travelling into Melbourne on a train.

Fifty bodies and widges took over half a train after a day in the country, the newspaper said, and terrorized the passengers.

A bodge climbed on to a carriage roof while his friends tossed beer and wine bottles, light bulbs and seat covers at cars as the train crossed viaducts or the way into town. A squad of police was waiting for the arrival of the gang at Melbourne. But they quietly left the train at a suburban station and disappeared.

Sydney social workers agree that a similar youth problem exists in their city, according to the Sydney Sun-Herald. "Wolf-pack" gangs are menacing women in dark city streets, it declared, and reported that a leading Sydney psychiatrist, Dr John McGeorge, had told one of its reporters: "The wolf pack is always as bad as its leader. He is the one who shows a little more intelligence and a little more strength of character than

his followers. They are the glib ones. They are afraid of being told that they are weak and cowardly."

Dr McGeorge stated that the only solution to the problem was to divert the "wolf pack" energies into constructive clubs. A leading social worker, the Reverend W. Hobbin, said that "spoon-feeding" was no way to solve the trouble. "I'd refuse to build them a clubhouse," he said. "I'd say: 'There are the materials and the site. Go and do it yourselves.'"

Novel Suggestion

Mr Hobbin has made some novel suggestions for the big problem of teen-age crime, car stealing and joy-riding. He urged that junk heaps of old cars be established in street corner sites in various suburbs so that youths could tinker as much as they liked and do no harm.

"And why not let motorcar insurance firms finance a car hire firm for young men with trustworthy old cars which can be taken out for 5s a day or night?" Mr Hobbin asked. "The cost of this would be off-set by the terrific saving in car thefts." —China Mail Special.

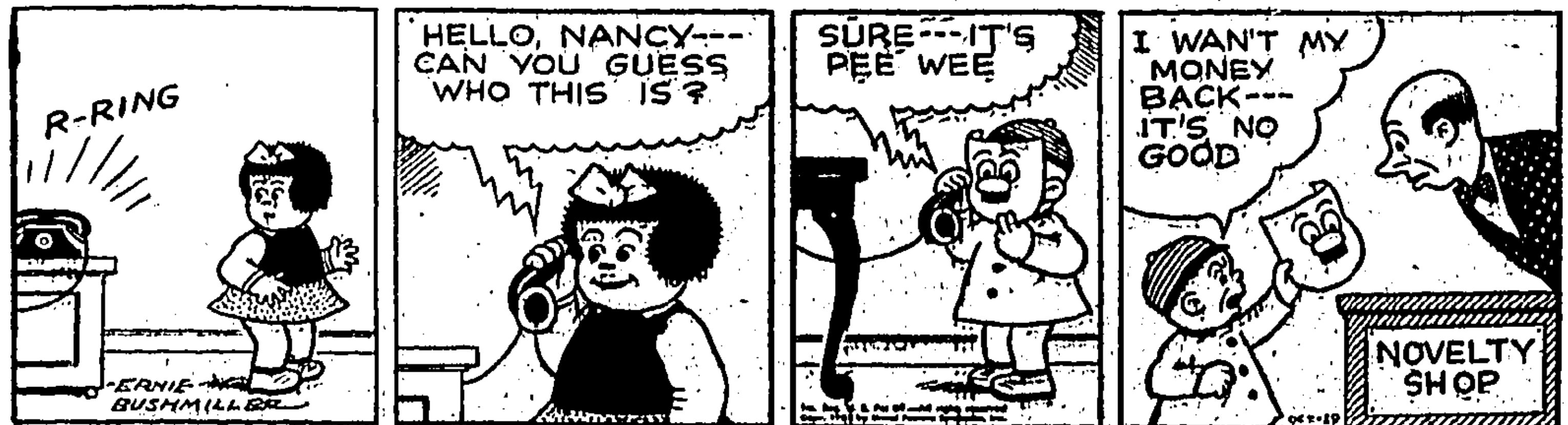
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Envoy Receives Royal Relics



U Kyin, Burma's Ambassador to the United Kingdom, is pictured reading a despatch addressed to the King of Burma and signed by Queen Victoria after it had been presented him by Mr Keith Marlen, shown with him in picture, at the Burmese Embassy in London. Mr Marlen is a friend of the family of General Sir Harry Frencken, commander of the troops which captured Mandalay in 1888. Other historic relics presented were: a huge umbrella painted with gold leaf; carved figures three-foot high; also painted with gold leaf; two screens and a tapestry. —Express Photo.

CONVICTS BEAT LAWYERS

Melbourne, Jan. 3. Three convicts—one a murderer—beat a team of lawyers from Melbourne's exclusive Constitutional Club in a prison debate on whether intolerance is more dangerous than ignorance. The convicts backed ignorance as the worse risk. —China Mail Special.

Mail Notices

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

By Air: Formosa, U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m. Thailand, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa & Europe, 6 p.m. By Surface: Italy, France, 4 p.m. Macao, 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

By Air: Japan, 8 a.m. Peking, Shanghai, Hankow, 10 a.m. Indo-China, France, 10 a.m. Thailand, Pakistan, Lebanon, Germany & Great Britain, Noon. Philippines, 4 p.m. Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m. Thailand, Burma, India, 6 p.m. By Surface: China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m. Italy, Noon.

Japan, U.S.A., C. & S. America, Noon. Korea, Noon. Macao, 1 p.m. N. Borneo, 2 p.m. Philippines, 2 p.m. Thailand, Pakistan, Portuguese India, P/P via Karachi, 3 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6

Formosa, Japan, Korea, Okinawa, 10 a.m. Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., 1 p.m. Philippines, Australia, New Zealand, 2 p.m. Formosa, 2 p.m. U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m. Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m. Japan, 6 p.m.

By Surface

China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m. Portuguese East Africa & S. Africa, 11 a.m. Seychelles, Br. East Africa (N. & S. Rhodesia & Mozambique), P/P via Beirut, 4 p.m. Macao, 6 p.m. Burma, India, Noon. Macao, 1 p.m. Indonesia, 2 p.m. Malaysia, Ceylon, Aden, Middle East, Great Britain, Europe, 4 p.m.

Fish Shoals Off Africa's Coast Help Feed World

Walvis Bay, S.W. Africa, Jan. 3.

South West Africa's fabulous fishing industry has been reaping a rich harvest of lobsters and pilchards for world export since the World War II.

But every season the fish seem just a little more difficult to find.

Pilchard fleets from Walvis Bay and lobster fleets from Luderitz, South West Africa's two harbour settlements along 1,000 miles of desert coastline, are having to go always a little further out for their main catches.

So many fish of all kinds have been found along these South Atlantic shores that the supplies seem inexhaustible. Pilchard fishermen, however, know only too well what happened in California when the great silvery shoals suddenly vanished.

Strict Control

Strict control measures have been introduced to limit seasonal catches and preserve the reproduction rate in the spawning months. Pilchard fishing takes place from February to November each year with little variation, but the season just ended was extended a little to give canneries a chance to land their quotas.

Over 200 sturdy deep-sea fishing boats are licensed to fish South West African waters for an industry now worth over £4,000,000, employing hundreds of whites and thousands of non-Europeans, mostly mixed-blood coloured workers, ashore and afloat.

Walvis Bay, first discovered by the early Portuguese navigators and a refuge for American whalers in the early days, has boomed as a fishing port since 1950, when pilchard shoals were first exploited commercially in coastal waters.

Today, six large factories stand on the edge of the natural harbour. These process thousands of tons of silvery pilchards every month of the catching

season for export whole in tins, for fish oil or fish meal.

Own Fleets

Products from these factories go to Britain, Europe, North America and the Far East. Huge trawlers have recently come to Walvis Bay from the Far East where the trained pilchard has become popular as a cheap high-caloried food.

Factories have their own fleet of boats working for them or freelance individual owners in the fishing business for the big profits which have been made in good seasons.

Crews are paid on results. Eight or nine of them go to each diesel-powered boat, usually a 60-foot heavy-timbered vessel with a small wheelhouse, cramped living space for the men and a large hold for the millions of pilchards caught in the nets.

Fishing in season goes on without a break, day and night, except for the period of full moons when the surfaced fish shoals are difficult to see. In the dark, on a calm night, they are easily sighted by the phosphorescent track of disturbed water.

Surface nets, worth £1,000 or £1,200 each, are paid out round a shoal which is circled by the fishing boat. The bottom ends of the net are closed and a shimmering mass of silver pilchards brought alongside to be transferred to the boat's hold by hand.

If the haul is good it may fill the hold and overflow along the boat deck. Back at the factory jetty, where the fish are sucked from the hold of the boat along a pipe into processing sheds, the haul, perhaps the work of only a few hours, may bring in a credit of £200 or £300 sterling.

But there are days when no pilchards are seen or the few "rises" are only scattered fish. Then fuel is wasted.

Longer Spells

When the pilchards were first being landed, a few years back, hauls were sometimes made right by the boat anchors. Now, it usually means longer spells of some hours to reach the shoals, often a tiring business in hard winds and choppy seas.

Fishermen are not sure whether the pilchard shoals are just thinning out inshore or "getting wise" to them—and keeping further out to avoid the boat traffic.

Untouched fishing grounds are to be found further up the Wild South West African coast—the notorious "Skeleton Coast" to unwary mariners—but the absence of harbours or anchorages for hundreds of miles along the unbroken sand dunes checks their proper exploitation—yet.

Lobster fishermen, from Luderitz, 300 miles south of Walvis Bay, are also having to make longer trips for the South African rock lobster, now a favourite delicacy in the United States, and once taken in thousands close to shore.

Recreative fishing is based at Walvis Bay and Luderitz, to keep the fishing resource of the coast under constant study.

Among other varieties of fish, millions of snook have been caught along this Atlantic seaboard. These are distributed fresh, salted or dried, throughout southern Africa. Part-time shipments of snook to Britain came from South West Africa.

Edible fish exports are now being supplemented by increasing quantities of fish meal and fish oil, extracted from surplus fish or offal.

Huge Mounds

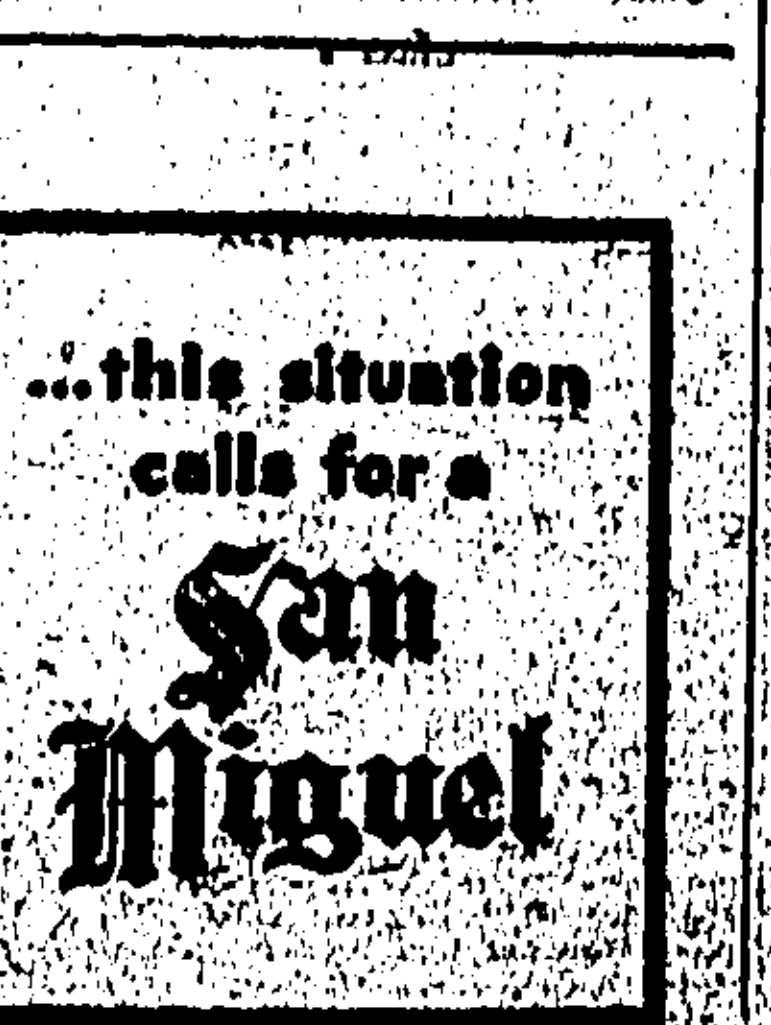
Huge mounds of sacked fish meal are piled high round Walvis Bay canneries "drying out" in the rainless climate of this coast before being taken by train across country to the rest of southern Africa or by ship overseas from the local deepwater port.

Fish oil can now be piped direct from the factories into the tanks of ships for bulk handling, instead of using drums.

Local fish meal is being used by residents at Walvis Bay to coax grass to grow in the gardens of their homes, built on the sand dunes, which run 50 miles inland from the shore along most of this coast.

One of the peculiarities of the coast for fishing is an occasional, sulphurous eruption from the head of the sea which creates temporary mud islands, kills millions of fish and fouls the atmosphere.

But this eccentricity of nature does little to upset the prosperous fishing industry, which thrives on the sea. The coast in Africa is a good thing. All corners of the world are in the hands of the fishermen. —China Mail Special.



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Night-ops

THEY fell into conversation in a bar, Jim and the stranger.

"So you work in a garage?" the stranger said.

"Right," Jim answered, a little flattered that the other should seem to take such interest in him.

"Course, I know the place well," said Jim's new acquaintance. "You sell that cellulose-thinner stuff, don't you?"

"Sure we sell it," said Jim. "Well, listen," said the stranger. "If I was to say to you."

He outlined a plan that would turn Jim into a thief and might earn him a reward of 155 Jim felt for the plan.

OVER THE WALL

LATER that evening, Jim slipped back to the garage where he worked. Furtively, he made his way to the storeroom where the cellulose thinner was kept.

He picked up a gallon tin worth £1, then made his way, as his friend of the public-house had told him, to a low wall at the back of the garage. He lobbed the gallon tin over into the darkness.

From a distance, hidden from Jim, a wicket, the night-hand at the garage, watched the whole scene in amazement. When Jim had left, unseen, as he thought, the night-hand retrieved the gallon tin and restored it to the storeroom.

DISCOVERY

THE night-hand decided to keep the low wall under observation. He presently saw a man appear on the far side, peer at the ground about him, then, finding nothing, hurriedly disappear.

A little later Jim reappeared at the garage. "Lo?" said the night-hand. "What you doing here?"

Jim jumped. "Er... I lost me money," Jimmy said. "Never mind, it doesn't matter," Jim did not report for work next morning. The night-hand told of what he had seen. The police called on Jim at his home.

"That's right," Jim said, and told of the stranger. "I was too ashamed of what I'd done to go to work this morning," he added.

NOT IN HIS NATURE

AT the Clerkenwell court, a 30-year-old, pleaded guilty to stealing the gallon tin.

"There are no previous convictions against this man," a policeman reported to Mr. Frank Powell. "He is married, has a child of three, and lives with his mother-in-law. His pay at the garage, where he has worked five years, was £10 a week, and of that he gave £7 10s. to his wife. His employer would like to speak for him."

A director of the garage came into the witness-box. "I don't think it's really in this man's nature to be dishonest," he said, and gave a thorough appraisal look towards Jim.

MAGNANIMOUS

"I'm willing to take him back," Jim's employer went on. "And I don't think the rest of my staff would hold it against him if I did. He has sufficient faith in his honesty to think he won't do this sort of thing again."

"You don't think it might encourage others to steal, if I were to be lenient?" the magistrate asked.

"No," said Jim's employer. "The magistrate turned to Jim. 'You've got a very magnanimous employer, haven't you?' he said."

Jim mumbled something. "Because, and only because of what your employer has said, I shall not impose any penalty this time," said Mr. Powell. "I shall give you an absolute discharge."

Jim went away, looking very small, dwarfed by the garage's director, who followed him out. For Jim's employer was a big man in more senses of that word than one.

Woman Seriously Hurt

A private motor car, whilst overtaking two stationary buses, collided with a Chinese woman in Waterloo Road, Kowloon, at 10.15 p.m. yesterday. The woman, who was attempting to cross the road heedless of oncoming traffic, received serious injuries and was taken to hospital, where she is now detained.

Air Force Secretary Declares...

US Can Make It Unprofitable For Anyone To Start A War

The United States has no intention whatever of starting a war and is in a position to make it unprofitable for anyone to start a war, said Mr. Donald A. Quarles, US Air Force Secretary, at a Press conference in the Peninsula Hotel this morning.

"We believe we can avoid war. If we do avoid war, we can in time adjust the differences between the two world blocs," he said.

"Our position is not provocative. Our position is essentially a defensive position by maintaining the security and freedom of the freedom-loving parts of the world."

Speaking on Taiwan, Mr. Quarles said he would make it perfectly clear that "an attack against Taiwan would be an attack against our country and against our position."

Mr. Quarles declined to comment specifically on the two offshore islands—Quemoy and Matsu. "We are interested in the situation as a whole and in maintaining a solid position of strength to deter or stop any aggression against the free world."

"We would have the steps taken by the United States if Hongkong and Macao should be attacked," one pressman asked.

"The United States is an ally of the British and the Portuguese governments," he said. "We would have to take with them measures we would jointly feel appropriate to take in any aggression against them."

STRENGTH COMPARED

Comparing the strength of the air forces of the United States and Soviet Russia, Mr. Quarles said the Communist air force, taken as a bloc, was numerically stronger than the United States in the number of military planes in certain categories. But in a larger aspect, including the quality of planes, the quality of training, the ability to handle planes and the quality of weapons used by planes, "we have no doubt about the satisfactory position of our own Air Force in relation to the Communist Air Force."

Asked if guided missiles would be sent to Formosa and the off-shore islands for the defence of the islands, Mr. Quarles said the guided missile was an effective weapon against an attacking plane but was moderately short-ranged for local area defence. It was an army weapon rather than an air force weapon, and was primarily controlled by the army.

As to in what area in which it was planned to be employed, he was not in a position to say. "The use of such a weapon would depend entirely on the local situation and other local means of defence."

One pressman said there had been reports that one-third of the Chinese Communist Air Force had been concentrated on the coastal areas. Mr. Quarles said he could say that one would expect the Communists to employ their force where they saw fit. "We are not particularly concerned about the sectional area. It is the global comparison that counts."

"We are satisfied that they cannot profit by a world aggression, and any such attempt will bring devastation on them." It would be too great a price for anything they might hope to receive.

Spreading on the possibility of an attack on Taiwan by the Communists, Mr. Quarles said, "I cannot imagine their being so unwise, but I am not in a position to say what they might start."

Asked if the Communists could succeed in an attack on Taiwan, Mr. Quarles said his belief was that the Communists could not succeed. "However this is not to say there could be no measure of temporary or local success."

A MODERN FORCE

Asked if there would be any change in American air strength in the Pacific area, Mr. Quarles said it was planned "to modernise the air force in the Pacific as far as we can. We already have a very fine modern air force."

One pressman asked if more jet planes could be sent to Formosa and South Korea.

Mr. Quarles said the United States were producing planes at a very heavy rate. "We develop new planes at a very rapid rate. Of course there are many claims for equipment in our own air force and in allies both in the Far East and the North Atlantic and elsewhere."

"The needs and desires of military leaders everywhere are greater than the capability to supply these needs. We are continuing a very strong programme in the development and production of planes and we will work out ourselves and in conference the best disposition of these weapons when they are available."

Everyone will surely disagree with what they have. "Our policy is to continue the build-up schedule and there is no change in that policy such as withholding or withdrawing equipment from them."

Mr. Quarles is visiting the Far East Air Force installations. He will be visiting Taiwan, the Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam, and will then return to the United States through Guam.

Thieves Active

Three cases of larceny from the person occurring on Hongkong Island and two in Kowloon were reported to the Police yesterday.

A pickpocket stole cash from a Chinese woman visitor to the exhibition of Hongkong Products at 2 p.m. Three hours later another Chinese woman visitor reported the loss of cash.

A Chinese woman passenger on a tram car travelling between North Point and Shaikwan Tramway Terminus had her pocket picked of cash at about 4 p.m.

A woman walking in Shanghai Street had her wristwatch snatched at 10.10 a.m. yesterday. The thief escaped.

At 1.20 p.m., a man stole a wristwatch from a woman in Lai Chi Kok Road. A suspect has been detained in this case.

Taxi Driver Robbed

Two Europeans hailed a taxi in Queen's Road Central at 1.50 a.m. today and asked to be driven to Wanchai. When the taxi was passing Rediffusion House, Hennessy Road, the two men asked the taxi driver to stop. They then robbed the driver of his wristwatch and escaped.

Police investigations are proceeding.

Louis Kentner's Inspiring Mozart Recital

The Mozart bicentenary year was nobly inaugurated in Hongkong by Louis Kentner's Mozart recital, last night at the Empire Theatre.

This was the first of Mr. Harry Odell's new season of recitals which he arranged during his visit to England.

A keen audience welcomed Mr. Kentner as he came onto the platform, for it is only a little over 24 years since this very fine musician played for us in Hongkong, and he is a firm and valued friend.

It had been hoped that Kentner might play a concerto with the Sino-British Orchestra, who accompanied him in so inspired a manner in Beethoven's Third Piano Concerto on his previous visit. But it could not be arranged this time, and slight regret the lost opportunity for the orchestra, as well as the musical public, Kentner's lovely

playing of Mozart's piano works took away all thoughts of complaint.

His programme consisted of three major works—two Sonatas and the great Fantasia and Sonata in C minor; and some smaller pieces.

The Fantasia and Sonata, which opened the concert, is in two parts, which Mozart composed separately at a year's interval, but which he always intended to be played as one.

The Fantasia, like Mozart's other Fantasia in D minor, opens dramatically, almost tragically. It proceeds to higher and more lyrical sections, and ends as it begins in tragic vein.

The Sonata continues in the same key and mood, and the last movement particularly is full of stormy strength.

Known to us as the "Sonata in C minor," it is a great exponent of the classical technique of Liszt, the emotional



Secretary of the US Air Force D. A. Quarles speaking at his Press conference this morning.—Staff Photographer.

Sudden Death Of Mr George Sewell

Mr George W. Sewell, a resident of the Colony for more than 30 years, and Managing Director of the import-export firm of Robertson, Wilson and Co. Ltd., died in hospital early this morning.

The funeral takes place tomorrow and the cortege will pass the Monument at 5.20 p.m.

Mr Sewell was, in his younger days, a prominent sportsman and a member of most of the leading sports clubs in the Colony. He rode as a jockey and distinguished himself at water polo and tennis, and more recently lawn bowls.

He also owned race horses, including Rebel II which is racing this year, and Rebel III in training for next season.

Charitable organisations will remember Mr Sewell as an anonymous donor who, helped in many ways.

Members of the Hongkong Club will remember him as a keen club member.

He is survived by a sister who is in England.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Share Market Report

Sir,—Your special correspondence has done a service to the Hongkong Stock Market by his weekly report. This is very widely read, and stimulates interest among the investing public. However, in his year-end analysis, there were some omissions that call for comment.

In the comparative prices, an asterisk was used to call attention to the fact that certain comparative prices were ex-all. Attention should also have been called to Yaumateis, Banks, Providents, Humphreys and Lands, which were marked down ex-all during 1955.

The chart gave the outline of the major movements, but looking at it gave one the impression that the market closed for the year much lower than it began, whereas in fact, most stocks are higher.

F.L.

TV "Danger"

Sir,—I note with interest that Hongkong is to have TV this year, but I fear that my husband can only regret the introduction of Mr. Whiting and his snail's pace.

It is not so bad when he keeps an eye on Police HQ, but one of these days he may focus that instrument on some place which we are entering or leaving when the wife thinks we are working late at the office, and our reception on return home may be painful.

I trust that discretion may be employed, now that science is fast catching up with us.

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3.45, Black House by Charles Dickens; 4, Tea for Two; 4.30, Tea Time Music; 4.45, Dossier on Dossiers; 5, Dossiers on Dossiers; 5.15, Dossiers on Dossiers; 5.30, Dossiers on Dossiers; 5.45, Dossiers on Dossiers; 6, Dossiers on Dossiers; 6.15, Dossiers on Dossiers; 6.30, Dossiers on Dossiers; 6.45, Dossiers on Dossiers; 7, Dossiers on Dossiers; 7.15, Dossiers on Dossiers; 7.30, Dossiers on Dossiers; 7.45, Dossiers on Dossiers; 8, Dossiers on Dossiers; 8.15, Dossiers on Dossiers; 8.30, Dossiers on Dossiers; 8.45, Dossiers on Dossiers; 9, Dossiers on Dossiers; 9.15, Dossiers on Dossiers; 9.30, Dossiers on Dossiers; 9.45, Dossiers on Dossiers; 10, Dossiers on Dossiers; 10.15, Dossiers on Dossiers; 10.30, Dossiers on Dossiers; 10.45, Dossiers on Dossiers; 11, Dossiers on Dossiers; 11.15, Dossiers on Dossiers; 11.30, Dossiers on Dossiers; 11.45, Dossiers on Dossiers; 12, Dossiers on Dossiers; 12.15, Dossiers on Dossiers; 12.30, Dossiers on Dossiers; 12.45, Dossiers on Dossiers; 1, Dossiers on Dossiers; 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